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Date

a. ☐ within 3 months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d);

☐ within 3 months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an International application;

☒ before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; or

☐ before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.

b. ☐ after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and thus: ☐ the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or ☐ a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.

- c. ☐ after the mailing date of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance and prior to payment of the issue fee, and thus: the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided and a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed.

2. It is hereby certified:

- ☐ that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement, or
- ☐ that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in § 1.56 (c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement.

3. ☒ Consideration of the following additional information (including any co-pending or abandoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/025,169	(5181-90001)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/055,753	(5681-06800)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/054,809-	(5681-06900) -
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/055,547	(5681-07000) -
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/055,097	(5681-07100) -
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/055,641	(5681-07200)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/055,741	(5681-07300)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/055,666	(5681-07700)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/055,662	(5681-07500) -
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/055,649	(5681-07600)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/055,645	(5181-82104) -
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/263,923	(5681-14200)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/231,225	(5681-19300)
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/231,544	(5681-20400)

4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:

- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s) _____, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below:

5. ☐ Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:
6. ☐ Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.
7. ☐ The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.
8. ☐ Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

If any required fees are missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5681-07400/RCK.

Respectfully submitted,



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